

REMARKS

In response to the Office Communication mailed February 1, 2010, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement to one of the following species of invention under the provision of PCT Rule 13.1. The species are as follows:

- Group 1, package comprising closing parts having slightly curved peripheral edges connected by a hinge (see Claim 11);
- Group 2, packaging comprising closing parts that include cover parts of a sub package (see Claim 12);
- Group 3, a series of packages as defined in independent Claim 16 (having some features in common with the Group 1 package but constructed according to a process and with an apparatus as set out in the claim);
- Group 4, a series of packages as defined in independent Claim 17 (having some features in common with the Group 2 package, but constructed according to a process and with an apparatus as set out in the claim);
- Group 5, a series of packages as defined in independent Claim 18 (having some features in common with the Group 1 package, but also constructed according to a process and with an apparatus as set out in the claim, and to have suspension means formed as claimed); and
- Group 6, a series of packages as defined in independent Claim 19 (having some elements in common with the Group 2 package, but also constructed according to a process and with an apparatus as set out in the claim, and to have suspension means formed as claimed).

In response to the above Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group 6 and Claims 18 and 24, which are readable thereon. Applicant has hereby withdrawn all other claims currently presented in this application.

Additionally, Applicant has hereby introduced new Claims 28-31. The subject matter of new Claim 28, while dependent on Claim 18, was derived from the recitation included in Claim 16. Also, new Claims 29-31, while also being presented herein are also withdrawn, as they are directed to the subject matter of Group 6, as the recitations recited therein were derived from the language included in Claim 19. It should be noted, however, that while these new claims are withdrawn, as they are dependent on Claim 18, Applicant respectfully requests that should the subject matter of Claim 18 be finally held to be allowable, that the prosecution of Claims 28-31 be further considered at that time. Otherwise, Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any and all of the withdrawn claims in one or more divisional applications.

Accordingly, the Applicant is believed to be in condition for further examination on the merits. Such examination and favorable consideration are respectfully requested. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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